

Enough Gas to Reach Jobs is Promised

With gasoline rationing only one month away—it starts Nov. 22—assurance was given this week to all Southland workers who need their cars to get to their jobs that they will receive sufficient motor fuel under the rationing plan. Neil Petree, chief of the Southern California office of the Office of Price Administration, explained that motorists are to be catalogued in three divisions. These are:

Nonoccupational such as a housewife or a person retired, persons who do not need to drive a car to work but who do use a car as would a housewife going to the market. These persons would get A cards.

Nonpreferred occupational workers, such as a clerk in a department store, a mechanic in a garage, rewrite men on a newspaper, a gasoline station attendant and persons who do not use their car at a job which is not defense work but who need to use more gasoline than is provided for by an A book would be eligible for an A book and a "tailored" B book.

Preferred workers like a worker in a war plant, are eligible for C books if they can show they need unlimited gasoline to get to work or have to do a great deal of driving in their work.

Among these preferred occupational workers are nurses and doctors, for instance. But, Petree pointed out, a war plant worker will not get a C book automatically.

A man who works at Columbia Steel or National Supply but who lives three blocks from the plant would not need and would not get a C book, it was indicated.

But a man who worked at any local plant and who lived 30 miles from the job and who could show he had to drive that distance would be given a book which will give him enough gasoline to stay on the job.

Can't Quit Busses Petree also pointed out that persons who have been riding a bus or streetcar who do not though they may live some distance from their work, must continue to do so and will not be allowed to get extra gasoline which might be used for pleasure driving instead of going to work.

"We are going to keep all the cars rolling that have to be used in our economic life but it is going to take a lot of squeezing and adjusting and some sacrifice," Petree declared. "We want to be fair with every motorist and every motorist must be fair and honest with his rationing board."

Petree explained the system of obtaining the books. Over

What a Book Allows An A book will allow a motorist to buy enough gasoline to drive 240 miles a month, 2880 miles a year. This is about 18 gallons a month since O.P.A. bases its figures on 15 miles a gallon.

Persons who can show a need for extra gasoline to drive to work may get a B book, which, together with the A book, provides a maximum of 470 miles of occupational driving a month.

The C book, which may be obtained by a "preferred mileage class," which includes only a few groups of drivers performing duties essential to the "war effort and public welfare" will give a varied amount of gasoline needs.

Forms Ready Oct. 27 The task of handing out the forms for the applications for the new rationing books will start Oct. 27.

Each motorist must appear at his local war price rationing board and receive the application. He takes it home and fills it out. Attached to this application will be a place where the applicant writes in the numbers of the five tires he has kept for his car and an affidavit which he signs in which he declares he has turned in all other tires.

On Nov. 9, 10 and 11 the motorist will go to the elementary school in his district with the application he has filled out and the white certificate of registration.

That, in brief, was the advice given civilians who plan on sending Yuletide boxes to service men overseas. Final overseas Yuletide mail deadline is Nov. 1 but to guarantee arrival by Christmas, mail it by Saturday, Oct. 24. Special delivery stamps won't help.

Six pounds is the weight limit, size should be that of a shoe box. Containers must be stout, well-wrapped and provide for

Navy Wife Talks To Husband In Hawaii by Phone

With a Navy censor listening in and intercepting instructions, Mrs. J. M. Rubio of 1616 Coia ave., enjoyed an eight-minute telephone conversation Tuesday night with her husband who is in Honolulu. Their youngsters, daughter JoAnn, 5, and Joseph, Jr., 3, also exchanged greetings with their daddy who is a chief storekeeper in the Navy.

Cautious by the censor not to reveal any information which might be of value to the enemy before they started speaking, the Rubios nevertheless managed to convey that all were well and Mrs. Rubio learned that her husband, whom she has not seen for 15 months, may be returned here shortly. This welcome news was exchanged by a cryptic reference which the Rubios had arranged between them before they were parted because of his Navy service.

Rubio also told his wife not to leave Torrance, indicating that he expects an extended leave shortly. Mrs. Rubio said she sent greetings to all his friends here and the children were "thrilled to death" to hear their daddy's voice.

"We had to talk in circles because of the censor's regulations," she said, "but we managed to span the Pacific with our restricted news and greetings. The censor told us not to mention anything about what we had exchanged in letters or to attempt any code messages but even so we did find out that our service man expects to arrive home soon. He said he had been in action but could give no details."

Police Force Loses 3 Men To U.S. Service

"Guess we'll have to close up shop for the duration," Police Chief John H. Stroh said today as he checked his force and reported that starting next Monday he would have only 11 men left of 15 and that there will only be 10 in the police department.

Officer Willard "Barney" Barnett received orders this week to report at Terminal Island tomorrow for duty with the Coast Guard shore patrol. Sergeant Percy G. Bennett, a member of the force for 10 years, reports for Navy shore patrol duty Saturday with Officer Karl H. Friberg. Officer Everett Travelli is on 15-day sick leave and may be off duty a full month.

And Officer Tom Perkin is expecting his service call any day now. Barnett started as a motorcycle officer on the Torrance force July 1, 1938. He is single and lives at 207 E. Andro ave. Sergeant Bennett is married, has two children and lives at 3702 242nd st., Waltham. Officer Friberg, who became a patrolman May 16, 1941, is married, has two children and lives at 1632 Madrid ave.

CHAMPS OR CHUMPS? Present-day high school students, with their quick reaction, good health and splendid nerves could be the best drivers on the highway. But statistics show they are the worst drivers. Lack of a sense of responsibility for their actions is believed the reason.

Doak Aircraft employees will hold their first annual picnic next Sunday at Torrance Municipal park. More than 300 men and women and their families are expected to attend.

Doak's personnel department said this week the picnic had been scheduled as the first of a series of employee activities which will include dances and informal parties. The workers will present entertainment at the outing and games and refreshments have been arranged.

Casualty Center Crews Hold Practice Tonight A complete drill for all first aiders, motor corps, canteen workers and stretcher bearers will be held tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock in the Civic Auditorium. All are requested to attend and coffee and doughnuts will be served.

NEW CLASSES STARTING Those desiring to join new standard or advanced first aid classes which will be started here soon should register at once at Red Cross headquarters, corner of Cravens and Post aves.

Kids' Scrap Piles Grow at Schools In Ticket Drive

It has long been an axiom here that "If you get the kids interested in some project, its success is assured."

That was borne out here this week when boys and girls of all ages and in all schools collected what is believed to be the largest amount of salvage materials ever amassed by one group in the community. It was true that the youngsters' interest in the schools' salvage drive was not entirely free from commercialism—the kids were really working for free theatre tickets to matinees Nov. 7 and 14.

But the campaign, which will close Oct. 30, is certainly getting in the scrap. At every school are growing piles of metal, old cloth and other stuff badly needed in the war effort. For every ten pounds, a young collector gets a free theatre ticket—but he cannot get more than three such passes.

And that's where an inherent American trait—that of trading—is coming to the front here. Many youngsters who have accumulated more than 30 pounds of scrap are "trading" their excess to others not so collectively-minded for whatever seizes their fancy. In several neighborhoods, boys and girls have banded together to rather in the scrap on a cooperative basis.

Tran "Scrap-Raider" One such group in Torrance found out that there are such unpatriotic persons as "scrap-raiders." The youngsters discovered one morning their neighborhood scrap pile had been "un-dumped" of several of its choicer pieces. So they rigged up a home-made "burglar alarm" complete with intricate wiring to an alarm clock set in the home where the salvage pile was being raised in the back yard.

One night this week the alarm sounded and the "raider" a boy from another neighborhood, was nabbed by the father of the chief salvage warden. It is understood the "raider's" parents were notified and he is now collecting his own scrap.

All of the school salvage collections are to be picked up Sunday, Nov. 1. Arrangements have been made for the sale of the material to the mill supply houses. An accurate weight record will be kept at the point of delivery of each school's contribution. Under an agreement with the board of education, it is announced, 25 per cent of the total proceeds will go to the local Civilian Defense Council for use in their war work and 75 per cent will be returned to the schools for their student body funds.

Movies Are Inducement Through cooperation of the Southern California Truck Owners Assn., Teamsters Union and U. S. Army, sufficient trucks and manpower are being donated to move all salvage.

Just let the kids at a project—they'll see it through—providing there's a free movie or two as reward. A previous attempt by local scrap committee chairman to interest the schools and students in the community scrap drive flopped: there was no incentive offered such as movie tickets.

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Your Community Wants Your Help



Air Raid Wardens
Auxiliary Police
Auxiliary Firemen
Fire Watchers
Decontamination Crews

When INDIFFERENCE, COMPLACENCY or OVER-CONFIDENCE possesses a man it reduces his EFFICIENCY, and the NET RESULT is the same as if the ENEMY HAD CAPTURED HIM for a part of each day.

WAR EFFORT COMMITTEE, ROTARY CLUB OF TORRANCE.

SIX INJURED IN THREE TRAFFIC COLLISIONS HERE

Four men were injured in two collisions, one with a Santa Fe train at Madrid ave., and Torrance blvd., in the heavy fogs which blanketed this area last Friday morning. Two persons were hurt on Highway 101 early last Sunday morning.

Three were injured in a head-on crash at Hawthorne blvd., and Spencer st., where a motorcyclist smashed into the wreckage of two cars. A fire resulted which increased the damage to one car and practically demolished the motorcycle, according to police reports.

3 KILLED and 30 Injured in Auto Collisions here to date 1942.

Redondo Beach, going south on Hawthorne, informed investigating officers, he turned out to pass a slow moving car ahead and did not see an approaching northbound Buick driven by H. E. Keekebacker, 32, of Lombard. The cars collided head-on in the fog.

Behind Keekebacker was Sanford L. Sinclair of Long Beach. On his motorcycle, he ran into the Lombard man's car and a blaze followed. Sinclair suffered a broken knee cap and dislocated hip, according to police, who reported Keekebacker received lacerations of the tongue and lips and Owen's injuries were brush burns on his forehead and both knees. All were treated at Torrance Memorial hospital where Sinclair is still confined.

Brothers Smash Train Two brothers, Jack Holmes, 33, and Wayne, 19, both of Inglewood, were driving thru the dense fog last Friday, going east on Torrance blvd. They told police they did not see a moving Santa Fe train crossing at Madrid ave. until they were nearly on it. Wayne's brakes, which were applied, his brakes but could not stop the car in time to avoid the collision. He said he and his brother jumped from the machine which was dragged by the train for several feet against the wig-wag signal before the train was stopped.

Jack Holmes was reported injured and was taken to the local hospital. Both men told police the wig-wag warning signal was not operating at the time and the police report on the crash states this was confirmed by a section foreman's report to the station agent. Conductor Ray Light was in charge of the train.

Early Sunday morning two motorists, both traveling west on Pacific Coast highway, were involved in a crash that sent both of them to the hospital here for medical treatment. Mrs. Clea V. Sides of Huntington Beach told investigating police she had slowed down to make a "U" turn about a half-mile west of Hawthorne blvd. when her car was struck from the rear by a machine driven by John Herbert Nicholls of Redondo Beach. Mrs. Sides was severely cut and Nicholls was cut and bruised.

Earthquake Rocks City Without Damage Torrance, like many other Southland cities, was on the receiving end of a rocking earthquake yesterday morning, the first of three rolling trembles occurring at 9:24. There was no damage here or elsewhere. Center of the quake was reported about 200 miles southeast, approximately in the Imperial Valley.

Practice Incidents Scheduled Tonight A number of Torrance Civilian Defense units will participate in a series of "practice incidents" tonight (Thursday) starting about 7 o'clock and continuing until 9 or 10 o'clock. Police Chief John Stroh, defense coordinator, announces. The practice will not include a blackout or general signals.

DINNER HOSTS Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Edwards entertained at dinner at their home, Monday evening. Covers were placed for her mother, Mrs. Elsie Dennis and Mrs. Jewell Young, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Young and son Donald, all of Los Angeles.

Tire Turn-In Swamps Local Railway Agency

Local motorists who have not turned in all over the five tires they are permitted to retain will confer a big favor on perspiring Agent W. E. Bratton and his hard-pressed Railway Express Agency force here if they will just do two things:

1—Bring your tires in to the Pacific Electric station headquarters of the R.E.A.—don't ask a driver to call for them; and

2—Don't call up for information about the government's "conscription" of your extra tires.

"Bill" Bratton said today that "the big casing avalanche into our office has not started here yet but right now the 40 or so we get a day is keeping us snowed under."

Agent Bratton this morning reported he had received 125 tires from local motorists. He said he believed the big rush will not get under way until the final week before the deadline.

No Local Payment "You know, of course, that this tire collection is not our only function," he continued. "Our local war plants are keeping us busy and freight shipments are setting new records every day. We're glad, of course, to cooperate with the government on the tire turn-in and to help the public will cooperate with us by bringing in their excess casings and refrain from phoning us for information."

Bratton reminded motorists that payment for the tires is not being made by the local Railway Express Agency. Tires are sent to the Agency's main office warehouse in Los Angeles where they are inspected by expert tire appraisers.

Prices Are Given Working at a rate of from 70 to 600 a day, the men check the casings for breaks or holes, grade them according to their value and stack the usable tires tossing the carcasses beyond repair aside for salvage.

At the end of each day's inspection, forms with the seller's name and the condition of his tires are forwarded to the local branch of the Federal Reserve Bank, where checks are made out and mailed to persons turning in casings.

Prices paid for the tires range from 20 cents for wrecked tires (Continued on Page 5-A)

Guard Officer To M.C. Show

Lieut. Robert L. Lewellen of Company H, California State Guard, will serve as master-of-ceremonies at the big free Civilian Defense show being arranged by Senior Air Raid Warden Frank Thompson, Chief Warden Jack Hallanger, Police Chief John Stroh and others for Nov. 4 at the high school auditorium.

Lieut. Lewellen is well-known here and he has been active in civilian life in the Sons of the American Legion, Boy Scouts and other community projects.

All residents of Torrance and vicinity are invited to reserve Nov. 4 for attendance at the entertainment which will include music, entertainment, moving pictures and short informative talks on the work of Civilian Defense. Top of the entertainment features were revealed this week by Air Warden Thompson.

"We have secured Lieut. Jack Clifford, now with the State Guard, to present a sketch based on his role of the 'deaf sheriff' on a well-known radio program that ran for several years," Thompson said. "And Hugh Eckersley, well-known local resident will stage a pistol-shooting exhibition that will be full of real thrills for the audience. Eckersley, a member of the Auxiliary Police, has won many medals and other awards for his marksmanship."

Other details about the program, which will start at 7:30 o'clock, will be announced later. Arrangements to use the high school auditorium for the free show were completed this week with the Board of Education by Senior Warden Hallanger.

HAVE HOUSE GUESTS Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart Miller, 1928 Fern ave., are entertaining as their house guests this week Mrs. Pussell Steel and Mrs. Flossie Miller of Easton, Pa. The group attended a showing of the "Drunkard" at Los Angeles Monday night.

Dimout Violators Face Immediate Court Citations

A warning issued this week by the Western Defense Command regarding enforcement of the new dim-out regulations brought this emphatic statement from Police Chief John Stroh:

"The new city ordinance putting 'teeth into' the dimout orders goes into effect in Torrance Monday, Oct. 26. The police will immediately issue citations beginning that night to those who disregard the regulations and there will be no 'warnings' given. The penalty upon conviction is heavy and violators found guilty here are also subject to additional prosecution in the Federal court."

Torrance police are checking with every business firm and industry here to be sure all understand the rigid terms of the Army's new restricted lighting regulations which become effective Sunday, Oct. 25. However, Chief Stroh said his department cannot contact all residents and Monday night he enlisted the aid of the Auxiliary Police to carry out the enforcement warning to people in this district.

Auxiliary Police officers were instructed to report any violations after sundown Monday, Oct. 26, to police headquarters.

These reports will be investigated immediately and where infractions of the stringent dim-out rules are evident, court citations will be issued at once.

Make Homes "Light-Tight" Stroh indicated that the amended regulations will be made even stricter and he hazarded the opinion that "unless lighting in this military zone is greatly reduced, blackouts every night will be ordered."

The proclamation issued by Lieut. Gen. J. L. DeWitt, commanding general of the Western Defense Command, is very general in its terms and does not specifically state what means residents and business firms shall take to abide by the new orders. However, "no exterior light shall exceed one foot candle power at any point when measured on a horizontal plane at any level of such outdoor areas and all outdoor light sources shall be shielded so that no direct rays from the light source are emitted above the horizontal."

This means, in plain language, according to Chief Stroh: Pull your blinds down or turn the louvers of your Venetian blinds so they are upward; don't use porch light (better disconnect it or take out the light globe); see that your garage lights are shielded and make an immediate check at night to see how "light-tight" your property is from the outside.

Auto Lights Unchanged Those in doubt about their business, industrial or home lighting are invited to contact the police headquarters for specific instructions and suggestions, Stroh said. But he explained that this must be done before the city ordinance goes into effect Oct. 26.

Street lights are being painted by the city now to conform to the Army's regulations. Local industries are making every effort to conform to the rules, Stroh said, and nightly checks are being made in the business and agricultural area to see that the illumination is properly dimmed.

The new regulations do not change the present rules regarding automobile lights in this area where only a short stretch in the Hollywood Riviera is in the traffic dimout zone. Motorists may drive with their lights full on as usual here except in the posted area along Pacific Coast highway in Hollywood Riviera.

Local justice courts will join with Federal courts in enforcing the strict dimout regulations, under provisions of the ordinance which goes into effect at 12:01 a. m. next Monday morning, Oct. 26. Violators of the new regulations face a \$300 fine or three months imprisonment in the county jail or both.

POSTPONE MEETING The monthly meeting of Mothers' Educational Center scheduled for tomorrow (Friday) morning at Torrance Woman's clubhouse, has been postponed until further notice.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED TO AID ISSUANCE OF GAS RATIONS

"The most important war job today that confronts citizens on the home front," stated Durward Howes, assistant state director for O.P.A., "is issuance of gasoline rations to 1,592,000 motorists in Southern California. This tremendous task will take an army of volunteers to augment the present staff of the war price rationing boards."

At a conference this week to plan the necessary organization for mileage rationing it was found that it would require upwards of 3,000 volunteer workers in this area.

The California state council of defense will assume the lead for the recruiting of volunteers to be made through the county and local defense councils. Those wishing to aid their government in this important war program may go to their county or local defense council and register any time prior to Saturday Oct. 24.

"After recruitment has been completed by the various defense councils, the O.P.A. will institute a training program for volunteers in each community prior to the registration for mileage rationing," Howes said.